

Meeting Minutes
Weed Beach Building Committee
March 21, 2007, 6:00pm
Room 119, Town Hall

Present: S. Swiatek, J. Branigan, P. Hovell, J. Howe, P. Hendrickson, J. Enters,
M. Wright, M. Hawley, D. Parnon
Alternate: C. Darby

Hovell opened the meeting at 6:15pm with a report from the March 19, 2007 RTM meeting where after some discussion and questions the \$255,000 was approved for schematics and plans for the Weed Beach project.

Swiatek presented her program for the Paddle Operations/Summer Camp Building. The major component of this building would be a large meeting room that could hold approximately 40 people: paddle players for winter gatherings and children and counselors while summer camp is in session.

Swiatek's comprehensive program for the paddle building was so complete there were very few additions. Minor comments consisted of the addition of a gas fire place since there is already propane on site, a usable, deep sink should be considered for the meeting room, exterior deck/staging could be oriented to create several venue options with the natural amphitheater behind the building as well as the parking lot in front, Wi Fi the whole park area and bury all utility lines throughout the park. Enters also suggested installing video surveillance since vandalism was a reoccurring consideration in choice of building materials.

Items for future discussion: lighting the back three tennis courts and applying the EZ Pass concept to the park entrance.

Hovell questioned whether the scope of the building was more than what Parks & Rec. had expected. J. Branigan thought this program was on the right track. Consensus of the committee agreed it is easier in the future to cut back than to add features.

Next step: take all three programs, consolidate the information and develop one set of specs for all the buildings. Hovell asked Enters and Hawley to join him on this task. This subcommittee will create a document and present it to the committee at the next meeting (April 11). General landscaping projects will also be included in this document. Hovell asked committee members to develop their own recommendations for landscape components and bring them to the April 11 meeting. Enters stated the more information given to the design group the better.

Discussion followed on the choice of a design group. Originally the Park and Rec Commission interviewed several design firms and selected Stearns and Wheler for the quality and originality of their proposal. The WBBC will need to evaluate whether we still feel satisfied with this decision. The committee discussed the merits of the two professionals presently involved – the architect and the land use planner. Hovell stressed that we have to be pleased with their understanding of the project and their ability to deliver a good product to the town. If we are not satisfied, we have an obligation to look at other professionals before coming to a decision. In this vein, if we are satisfied with S&W and after we have the consolidated building specifications or program, we should then ask S&W to give us a new proposal for design development

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with a follow on proposal to complete the design through construction documentation. The committee agreed to continue the discussion at our next meeting.

Enters outlined the phases:

1. Landscaping as in preparation of the building sites (clearing, moving or removing plant material)
2. Buildings
3. Hardscaping (planting, adding finishing touches).

Housekeeping:

Parnon to revise Sailing Building Program & email to committee.

Swiatek to email Paddle Operation Building Program to committee.

Minutes from March 7 were approved.

Next meeting Wednesday April 11, 6:30-7:30pm in Room 119, Town Hall.

Note: Remember to bring your ideas for landscaping the non building components of the master plan to this meeting to be incorporated into the Building Program Document.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Parnon
Secretary